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November 10, 2011

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**SUBJECT: JAMES A. FITZPATRICK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT - NRC SECURITY
INSPECTION REPORT 05000333/2011405**

Dear Mr. Bronson:

On November 7, 2011, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed a security baseline inspection at FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant. The inspection covered one or more of the key attributes of the security cornerstone of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process. The enclosed inspection report documents the inspection results, which were discussed on November 7, 2011, with Mr. Eugene Dorman, Senior Licensing Engineer, and other members of your staff.

The inspection examined activities conducted under your license as they relate to security and compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and with the conditions of your license. The inspectors reviewed selected procedures and records, observed activities, and interviewed personnel.

This report documents one finding of very low security significance (i.e., Green as determined by the Baseline Security Significance Determination Process). The deficiency was promptly corrected or compensated for, and the plant was in compliance with applicable physical protection and security requirements within the scope of this inspection before the inspectors left the site.

The finding had a cross-cutting aspect in the area of human performance because the licensee failed to communicate human error prevention techniques such as self and peer checking [H.4(a)]. If you disagree with the cross-cutting aspect assigned to any finding in this report, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your disagreement, to the Regional Administrator, Region I, and the NRC Resident Inspector at the FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant.

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Sincerely,

/RA/

James M. Trapp, Chief
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Division of Reactor Safety

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